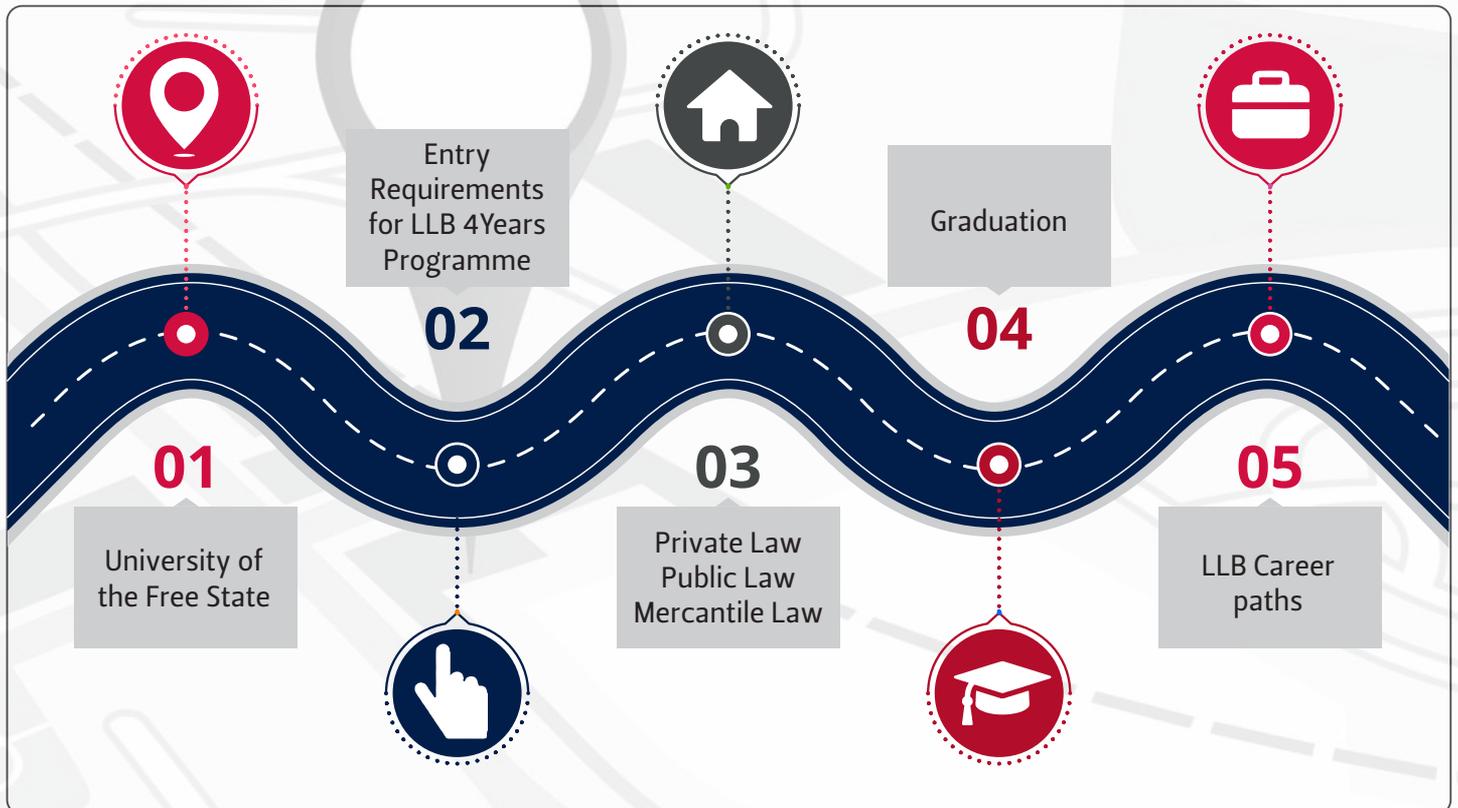




Road Map to an LLB Degree at the Faculty of Law, University of The Free State

The LLB degree prepares students for entry into the legal professions, for a wide range of careers which require the application of law, and for postgraduate studies in law.



Entry Requirements for LLB 4Years Programme

APS 33 and above
70% English
50 and above for Mathematics
70% and above for Mathematics Literacy

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Department of Private Law

The UFS Law Faculty, Private Law department is home to an academic staff that is diverse in their representation of South African society. Its academic staff boasts dynamic specialised research areas and legal practice expertise, providing students with the latest knowledge, legal developments, and socially responsive perspectives in private law.

The UFS Law Faculty, Private Law department offers its students all the fundamental undergraduate private law modules, such as Property Law, Family Law and Law of Persons, Contract Law, Law of Delict, Law of Succession and Legal Pluralism, and offers final year electives in specific private law disciplines for example Private International Law.

At postgraduate level, the UFS Law Faculty, Private Law department offers students in the LLM structured coursework programme the opportunity to specialise in any of the Private Law disciplines. Postgraduate students are able to select coursework modules that complement their research dissertation.

The UFS Law Faculty, Private Law department has proven itself to be one of the most innovative departments in its approach to student-centred teaching and assessment. The Private Law department prides itself on its use of cutting-edge technology to facilitate efficacy in its communication and service delivery to its students. Its expert use of technology as a learning, and student support tool, provides students with greater flexibility, and an overall improved quality learning experience.

The Department of Public Law

The Department of Public Law teaches an array of themes at undergraduate and postgraduate level, including foundational modules such as Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law, Criminal Law and Public International Law.

The Department also teaches modules inextricably connected to the law in general, including, Jurisprudence & Ethics, Interpretation of Statutes as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution.

The Department is nationally recognized for its scholarly specialization in Education Law, Freedoms related to Religious Beliefs and Cultural Practices as well as Environmental Law and is in the process of establishing a regional hub related to Africa's Reparations Agenda.

Then there are more practically orientated modules presented by the Department such as Law of Evidence, Law of Criminal Procedure, Practical Legal Skills, Clinical Legal Education and Law of Civil Procedure.

The Department of Mercantile Law

The Department of Mercantile Law, in the Law Faculty, at the University of the Free State provides a distinctive opportunity to study basic principles and rules which governs, among others, the registration, organisation, and management of companies and other business forms, credit provisions, free markets, intellectual property, Labour Law, and instruments of payments as they apply to commerce and everyday life. In the Department of Mercantile, you will learn about the different fields of commercial law and Labour Law from qualified experts, thereby broadening your understanding of the world of commerce and the workplace, since the principles which governs these areas of law are to a large extent interwoven.

The department of Mercantile Law's unparalleled commitment to research, and the provision of legal services in our niche areas will equip you with specialised knowledge relating to different aspects of Corporate Law, Labour Law and International Economic Law.

A broad outline of the Attorneys' profession versus the Advocates' profession.

Four-year undergraduate LLB degree

Possible postgraduate specialisation (Master's and/or Doctorate)

Specialisation in practice: "Tricks of the trade"

Attorney's Profession

Legal Practice Council*
Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014

Application to, interview and/or assessment
Appointment as candidate attorney

Serving 2 years of articles of clerkship (Section 26 and Part VI of the Rules) including 150 notional hours of course work OR 1 year of articles, subject to 400 notional hours of course work full-time (after hours) or correspondence School for Legal Practice under the guidance of a principal

Salary range: ± R4 000 to R42 000 per month

Admission Examination for Attorneys:
Annually during ± March and August
(permitted to write after serving a period of six months of clerkship or satisfactory attendance of an approved School for Legal Practice)

Admission as a Legal Practitioner and enrollment as an Attorney in the High Court

Attorneys

BRIEF

Advocates

Advocate's profession

Legal Practice Council
Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014

Application to, interview and/or assessment
Accepted as pupil

Serving 1 year of pupillage under the guidance of pupil mentor (Section 26 and Part VI of the Rules) including 400 notional hours of coursework and 40 hours of advocacy training during the year of pupillage or correspondence

No salary

Admission Examination for Advocates:
Annually during ± April and September

Admission as a Legal Practitioner and enrollment as an Attorney in the High Court

Possible postgraduate specialisation (Master's and/or Doctorate)

Legal practice (dual practice is not permitted)

The Legal Practice Council consist of the National Council and Provincial Councils in each province.

Career opportunities in the LEGAL profession with at least an LLB degree:

Admission as an attorney or advocate is highly recommended before pursuing careers outside the organised profession!

Officers of the Court	Court Administration	Justice and Constitutional Development	Judiciary	Law Reform Commission	Legal Academics	Legal Aid and Advice
Attorneys Advocates Court Orderly	Court Manager Clerks of the Court Registrar	Office of the Chief State Law Adviser State Attorneys	Magistrate: Adjudicates criminal and civil cases in court. They have power to acquit, convict and sentence the accused if found guilty of committing an offence or pass judgments in civil matters. Judge: Presides over criminal, civil and constitutional matters in the High Courts, Supreme Court of Appeal and the Constitutional Court.	NGOs	Law lecturers at the various universities or colleges: Lecturer Senior Lecturer	Legal Aid Board Legal Resources Centre/ Justice Centres
National Prosecuting Authority	Maintenance Officer Maintenance Investigator	Legal Administration Officer Master of the High Court		Legal Advisers	Associate Professor Professor	Lawyers for Human Rights Clinics and Para-legals operating in Community Advice Centres
Public Prosecutors State Advocates	Maintenance Clerk Interpreter Stenographer Judge's Clerk	Office of the Family Advocate		South African Police Service	Head of a Department or Law School Deputy Dean Dean	University Law Clinics Para-legal Advice Offices
				Military		
				Correctional Services		